Monitoring the Drug Industry

3008. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3736 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CIF import prices of bulk drugs and drug intermediates and quantity imported are monitored by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these details are furnished by that Ministry to his Ministry on a year to year basis or as and when required;

(c) when these details are available with the Government, what are the reasons of taking stand that CIF prices are not available or monitored; and

(d) what are the details of aspects of drug industry which is being monitored and how many persons are engaged in this task?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) Facts are being ascertained and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Assessment of the Special Team

3009. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:

DR. G VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the Unstarred Question 3732 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th August, 1988 and state:

(a) what was the experience of members of team in the matter of accounts, prices and administration of the price control order;

(b) what were the terms of reference of the committee and what presumptions the commitee made in arriving at the amounts due against each company;

(c) whether it is fact that amount due against each company cannot be arrived at without knowing the price charged for bulk drug|formulations and price notified fixed by the Government;

(d) whether it is a fact that special team has already spent time and made efforts to collect these details before arriving at the amount due in each case; and

(e) what are the details of approved prices, charged prices, production and recovery rate in each case of bulk drug and formulation involved in litigation

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) The members of the special team are experienced officers and they assessed the amounts after verifying the records of the companies concerned.

(e) The details of prices, production of bulk drugs and formulations etc., are quite voluminous. The time and efforts required for collection of these details will not be in commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Assessment of Amount

3010. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3631 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in case of matters involving litigation like the present one, it is not possible to assess the amount overcharged without obtaining the details of stock, production, sales, prices charged and prices fixed by Government;

(b) if so, what are the details yearwise in respect of various packs of Baralgon, Avil, Lasix and Deonil;

(c) what is the price for Baralgon Ketone which was allowed in the formulation prices which were fixed/settled in 1971 and what is the notified price according to the team;

(d) what was the mark up taken on PAS formulations by M/s. Pfizer and what mark up was allowed;

(e) whether it is a fact that findings of the team are full of errors and omissions; and

(f) if so, when the entire matter will be investigated?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (d) to (f) The special team assessed the amounts after verifying the records of the companies concerned

(b) and (c) The details required in the question are voluminous. The time and efforts required for collection of these details will not be in commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Village Level Energy Programme

3011. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken any village level energy programme during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to implement these programmes;

(d) whether Government have included the use of photovoltaic cells to meet the villages energy requirement; and

(e) if so, what are the achievements so far?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources is implementing urjagram projects in order to progressively make villages self-sufficient in energy. 67 urjagram projects have so far been implemented and 110 urjagram projects are under implementation in different parts of the country. The projects are being implemented in association with State nodal agencies through research institutions, industry, universities, voluntary agencies, etc.

(d) and (e) The Department is also implementing a nation-wide programme for the deployment of photovoltaic systems for meeting basic requirements of electric power in villages, including lighting, pumping for drinking water supply and micro irrigation, television/radio, battery charging, etc., 4354 villages/hamlets have been provided with street lights. 533 community lights and television sets, about 900 photovoltaic pumping systems and over 1000 domestic lighting units have been taken up for installation in different parts of the country. In addition, 93 photovoltaic lighting units have also been installed at Adult Education Centres in Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh. A few photovoltaic powered TV transmitters, rural telephone exchanges and microwave repeater stations have also been set up. A few photovoltaic based power plants in the range of 1—7 KW have also been installed in rural areas

Rubber Industry

@3012. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rubber industry is facing any crisis at present;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to tide over the crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

@Previously Unstarred Question 2941, transferred from the 1st December, 1988.